

Remarks/Arguments:

The new claims now presented include subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner in the Office Action. Specifically, new independent claim 25 includes the limitations of previous independent claim 1 and dependent claim 8. Various dependent claims previously dependent directly or indirectly on previous independent claim 1 are also provided. New independent claim 32 includes the limitations of previous claim 1 and dependent claim 12. As with new claim 25, various dependent claims similar to those previously dependent from independent claim 1 have also been added to further define the new claim 32 embodiment. All of the claims 25 – 45 now presented thus include limitations held allowable by the Examiner is so presented. (Applicants have made a few necessary antecedent and grammatical changes to present these new claims in better condition, but such changes do not affect the patentability of said claims as allowed by the Examiner).

In addition to the above new claims 25 – 45, Applicants have added new claims 46 – 73 to capture similar coverage to that initially provided for their method and assembly, said claims now presented also including the subject matter held allowable by the Examiner. Here also, necessary antecedent and grammatical changes have been made.

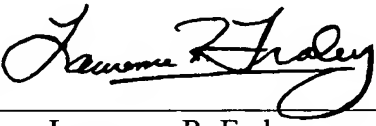
A careful reading of the presented claims thus clearly shows that all of these claims include subject matter indicated by the Examiner as being allowable if so presented. Allowance is urged.

Applicants retain the right to present the originally rejected claims in a continuation/divisional application, and assert, that by the submission of this response, they do not concur in any manner that the documents cited by the Examiner in the Office Action, taken singularly or in combination, teach or remotely suggest the originally claimed invention.

A check for \$1,800.00, payable to the Commissioner of Patents, is included herewith to cover the added costs associated with the addition of the claims provided herewith. This added cost is also shown on the transmittal which accompanies this response.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner believe that minor changes are needed which, if made, will result in allowance of the Application and that such changes can be readily discussed in a phone conversation, the Examiner is cordially requested to phone the undersigned, collect, at the number provide below, to discuss same

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